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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TILANDER ET AL.

Examiner

Oanh Duong

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-26 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 3, 8 are objected to because of the following informalities: Acronyms "ATM", "UMTS" in claims 3, 8, 13, 17, 21, 24 should be defined. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-7, 9-16, 18-23, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Constantinof et al. ("Constantinof"), US 6,822,961 B1.

Regarding claim 1, Constantinof teaches a method for establishing or modifying sessions in a telecommunications switching system, comprising the steps of:

collecting statistics associated with the use of session resources pertaining to said switching system (*i.e., when an SVC is used for a call, the cache manage updates link loading, switch loading and traffic level register, col. 9 lines 44-63*);

recording information to a connection cache pertaining to a session resource based on said statistics (*i.e., adding the SVC to the cache, col. 10 lines 1-6*);

checking in the processing of a session establishment or modification request said connection cache for at least one matching session resource (*i.e., determines whether the cache contains an idle and available cached SVC to server the connection request, col. 9line 25-30*); and

using said matching session resource in the establishment of at least one communication path pertaining to said session establishment or modification request (*i.e., if a cached SVC is available, the SVC is mapped to the connection, col. 9 lines 25-29*).

Regarding claim 2, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said session resources is a cross-connection in a switch (Fig. 2 col. 5 lines 37-55).

Regarding claim 3, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 2, wherein said cross connection is an ATM level virtual circuit connection and said switch is an ATM switching core (Fig. 10, col. 12 lines 9-25).

Regarding claim 4, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said session resources is a connection to a computer unit hosting a digital signaling processing application (col. 5 lines 20-36).

Regarding claim 5, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said session resources is a media stream processing means (col. 1 lines 30-32).

Regarding claim 6, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein said matching utilizes at least one quality of service parameter pertaining to the session request (col. 10 lines 7-64).

Regarding claims 7, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein said switching system is an ATM switching system (Fig. 10 col. 12 lines 9-26).

Regarding claim 9, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 6, wherein said quality of service parameter is bitrate (col. 4 lines 48-50).

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Regarding claim 10, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 4, wherein said computer unit is grouped into at least one computer unit group, computer units from said computer unit group being used for sessions associated with predefined incoming or outgoing connections col. 5 lines 37-50).

Regarding claims 11-16, and 18, those claims do not define or recite any limitation above claims 1-5, 6, and 10, discussed above, same rationale of rejection is applicable.

Regarding claims 19-23, and 26, those claims do not define or recite any limitation above claims 1-5, 6, and 10, discussed above, same rationale of rejection is applicable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 8, 17, 24, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Constantinof, in view of Admitted Prior Art ("APA").

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Regarding claim 8, Constantinof teaches the method according to claim 1, Constantinof does not explicitly teach switching system is a UMTS radio network controller.

APA teaches switching system is a UMTS radio network controller (page 2 paragraphs [0009]-[0010]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to incorporate the UMTS radio network controller as taught by APA into Constantinof's system because it was conventionally employed in the art to provide macro diversity combining, ciphering/deciphering, channel allocation, etc.

Regarding claims 17, 24, and 25, those claims recite limitation that are substantially the same as claim 8, same rationale of rejection is applicable.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oanh Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3983. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9:30PM - 6:00PM.

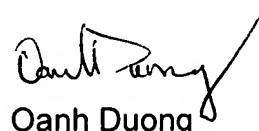
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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